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Lake City, Fla.  
5/7/96.

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Philadelphia, Penn.

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Chas. Curry



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Charles Curry  
Lake City, Florida  
Asks, May 7, 1896  
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